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Twenty one years have passed since the Indonesian Occupation on East Timor which inflicted tremendous and calamity, misfortunes and painful agony upon the Timorese people and the rest of the mankind.

New Order Regime who promote the entire massacre in East Timor have established their power in East Timor. Also they have spent a lot of money for development in East Timor, which launched to make them easier for making control toward Timorese. Even more, Timor Island and his ocean is a good for exploi-tation. New Order regime and imperialists power have exploited the natural resources from East Timor. Also Timor is a good market for the Indonesian tycoon to sell their goods or to take a cheap labour.

Based on this situation, we can say that New Order Regime wouldn't set Timor free. They will lose a lot from Timor and also the imperialist power wouldn't lose the fertile soil for exploi-tation.

When their main 'new order' enemy still exsist too, isn't the time for the Timor Liberation movement to plotting new tactic and strategy ?

I want to begin with some words about our ideas on Timor Leste Liberation and Democracy in Indonesia.

For one year since the last East Timor Conference in Sydney, Proposal from PRD " *Arrow in Java and Sparrow in Dili* ". That was the ideal; cooperation to mutual resistance against Suharto Dictatorship, in the interest of coordination between the struggle of pro-democratic movement in Indonesia and East Timorese liberation movement, and in the progress to make a protest in Java and giving more space for East Timorese activists in Dili.

Contributing To The Overthow of Suharto

What has clearly developed in Indonesia over the last one year is massive escalation of defiance by Indonesians. There was increasing mass defiance before the election campaign even began, manifested in the militancy and political demands of workers demonstrations. A series of mobilizations that started in mid of 1995 climaxed in 20.000 workers demonstrating in Surabaya June 1996. The next wave of defiance centred of the defence of Megawati Sukarnoputri climaxed on July 27.

Since July 1996, the political energy of the military has been concentrated on the riots in Situbondo, Tasikmalaya, Rengasdengklok, Tanah Abang, Banjarmasin etc., although the riots tending destructive we must see the riots in the side of strong feeling of anti Suharto dictatorship.

The defiance also shown by PPP supporters was much more visible than the boycott campaign, huge numbers of people came onto the streets on PPP mobilization during that day. These were mostly spontaneous mobilizations of hundreds of thousands of urban poor who flooded out of the slum of the major cities and towns.

The political focus of the PPP day mobilizations was clearly aimed at the Suharto dictatorship. Also there was a positive response to a call for the PPP and Megawati to form an informal alliance; Mega—Star—People which echoed the demands of the outlawed Peoples Democratic Party: Unite to replace Suharto ! Investigate the wealth of Suharto family ! Repeal five political laws ! End the role of the military dual function ! End the corruption ! For minimum wages ! Political party joining in cabinet !.

It is likely that the focus of political activity in Indonesia will now swing back to build a united front of the anti-dictatorship forces that includes the Megawati PDI Supporters, the muslim urban and rural poor, militant students and workers and middle class democrat---and also East Timorese people.

The finally view of sealing the doom of Suharto is a popular support, without popular support should no one can or should survive at the end of the day.

So What, On the Immediate Practical Level Can We Do ?

Firstly, we must unite around the mass mobilization to against Suharto dictatorship. At each step of the action we must express the will of our peoples and defending our rights and interests.

The world should know Indonesian issue and East Timorese issue in the one issue under the bloody record of Suharto dictatorship. So, the discussion about Indonesia and East Timor future must move beyond united nations and even good conference and into works canteens, trade union, cafes, schools and social clubs. The final point is we perceive an urgent need for international community to organize international protest such as anti-Vietnam War protest ; which combine Indonesian issue and East Timorese issue.

We realize that there will be disagreement in some aspect of our point of view. But there is nothing wrong with doubt about the best analysis and the best ways of acting. As long as it inspires us to seek, beyond these differences in opinion, the things that unite us.

Talking about Indonesia and East Timor, I think, we agree at least on one tremendously important aspect: that is, we are convinced that you can't build a better future without giving the people the right to decide that future. So we can address the message for general Suharto and Ali Alatas : **PEOPLE WILL BRING BACK THEIR SOVEREIGNTY AND THEY WILL DECIDE ON THE FUTURE OF INDONESIA AND EAST TIMOR.**